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Northampton Board of Health Requires COVID-19 Vaccine for Senior Center

NORTHAMPTON - Effective January 17, 2022, the Northampton Senior Center will require that guests complete the COVID-19 vaccine series in order to use the facility.

On December 2, 2021, the Board of Health voted (3-1) to require proof of vaccination for individuals using the Northampton Senior Center. Fully vaccinated shall be defined as having completed the primary, or full, series of COVID-19 vaccines a minimum of 14 days prior. The term primary series for both Moderna or PfizerBioNTech (commonly known as just Pfizer) vaccines means a person has had two doses. The primary series for Johnson and Johnson (also known as Janssen) vaccine means a person has had one dose. To be considered fully vaccinated, the second dose of Pfizer, second dose of Moderna or the one dose of Johnson and Johnson must have been administered at least two weeks prior.

The Northampton Board of Health strongly recommends that individuals also seek booster doses of the vaccine if it has been at least six months since your second dose of Moderna or Pfizer or at least two months since your dose of Johnson and Johnson (Janssen). People with severe immunocompromise may be eligible for a third dose of Moderna or Pfizer sooner than a booster dose. More information at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/recommendations/immuno.html> or www.northamptonma.gov/2219/Vaccine-Clinics.

With COVID-19 community transmission cases on the rise, more indoor activities are occurring due to weather, and the holiday season nearing. This requirement will provide additional COVID-19 related protection to the seniors who choose to use the facility.

For more information on COVID-19 vaccines or to make an appointment visit, www.northamptonma.gov/2219/Vaccine-Clinics.

The Board of Health Vaccine Requirement for the Senior Center can be found on the City of Northampton's COVID-19 webpage. <https://www.northamptonma.gov/2104/Covid-19-Information>

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